Expansion Plan for Khetri Copper Complex in Rajasthan

*178. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for expansion of Khetri Copper Complex in Raasthan;

(b) whether existing capacities of the smelter and refinery are also being expanded; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Hindustain Copper Limited have drawn up plans for expansion of mining and smelting capacity of copper at the Khetri Copper Complex in Rajasthan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The important schemes proposed to be implemented by Hindustan Copper Limited in the Khetri Copper Complex are:-

	Targetted completion date (Tentative)
(i) Kolihan mine expansion from 0.6 to 07.5 milliton tonnes ore per year	1993
(ii) Khetri smelter and refinery expansion from 31,000 tonnes to 45,000 tonnes per vear.	1995
(iii) Development of Banwas mine of 0.6 million tonnes per annum ore	1998

Annual contribution to the DRF

*179. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present amount of annual contribution to the Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF); and

(b) what are the recommenatidons mae by the Railway Reforms Committee in the matter of DRF?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The amount appropriated to DRF in the Budget Estimate 1991-92 is Rs. 2,000 crores.

(b) The Railway Reforms Committee had, *inter-alia*, recommended that the appropriation to DRF in 1983-84 should be made at the level of Rs. 1,110 crores, including Rs. 260 crores for arrears. The amount of Rs. 1,110 crores should be updated every year to provide for price variation and new assets. Also, the withrawal from DRF should depend upon requirements of physical replacements and availability of material.

Prices of Vegetables

*180. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICUTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of vegetables in Delhi are almost 50 per cent higher at present as compared to last year's prices during the same period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what specific steps Government propose to take to bring down their prices in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.